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c. sending a message representing said first event information from said first device to said second device; and

d. comparing said first event information to information pertaining to each event previously scheduled in said second device for determining conflicts therebetween.

6. (Newly added) The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of providing to a user information regarding conflicts between said programmed first event information and events previously scheduled in said first and second devices.

7. (Newly added) The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of programming said first event into an event timer of said second device in response to said message.

8. (Newly added) The method of claim 7 further comprising the steps of deleting said first event from said first device in response to each event timer of said second device currently containing previously scheduled events, and indicating to said user the absence of an available event timer in said second device for programming of said first event.

9. (Newly added) The method of claim 5 further comprising the steps of modifying said first event programmed in said first device, comparing said modified first event to each scheduled event of said first and said second devices for determining conflicts therebetween, and providing information regarding such conflicts to said user.

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10. (Newly added) The method of claim 9 wherein said first event is modified in response to an OSD means of said second device.

11. (Newly added) The method of claim 5 wherein the step of providing information to said user comprises using OSD means of said first device.

12. (Newly added) The method of claim 5 wherein the step of providing information to said user comprises using OSD means of said second device.

13. (Newly added) The method of claim 5 wherein said first device is a recording device for recording a program corresponding to said first event.

14. (Newly added) The method of claim 5 wherein said second device is a receiver.

15. (Newly added) A method for scheduling events between a recording apparatus and a receiving apparatus coupled together, each apparatus having at least one event timer for storing a scheduled event, said method comprising:

- a. programming information pertaining to a first event into an available event timer of said recording apparatus;
- b. sending a message representing said first event information from said recording apparatus to said receiving apparatus;

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- c. notifying a user that a password is required for enabling said first event;
- d. enabling said event timer containing said programmed first event in response to receiving, from said user, said password entered into said recording apparatus.

16. (Newly added) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of notifying is in response to copyright information.

17. (Newly added) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of notifying is in response to program rating information.

18. (Newly added) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of notifying is in response to purchase information.

19. (Newly added) A method for scheduling an event in a recording apparatus coupled to a receiving apparatus, said method comprising:

- a. programming information pertaining to a first event into an available event timer of said recording apparatus;
  - b. comparing said first event information to information pertaining to each event previously scheduled in said recording apparatus for determining conflicts therebetween;
  - c. sending a first message representing said first event information from said recording apparatus to said receiving apparatus;
  - d. receiving a second message representing conflicts between said first event information and information pertaining to each event previously scheduled in said receiving apparatus;
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